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Profits Soar As Living Costs Climb

NEW YORK. — While OPA's first comeback action was to grant "price relief" to thousands of manufacturers, profits in the first quarter of 1946 reached new heights and are expected to continue their dizzy climb upward.

Virtually abandoning any plan of "relief" for consumers, OPA's administration of the new legalized inflation price control law is expected to increase the cost of living at least 20 per cent over June 30th levels.

Although consumers can expect rising prices to cut deeper than ever into their standard of living, a survey in Labor Research Association's August Economic Notes revealed that big business looks forward to continuously booming profits.

In some industries, according to a Commerce Department report on first-quarter profits, "production and sales broke all previous records and, with the elimination of the excess profits tax and some reduction in other corporate levies, it was almost inevitable that net earnings would reach new highs."

On the basis of first-quarter showings, Poor's Investment Advisory Service, discussing retail trade profits, predicted that full-year net profits "in most instances should at least double the favorable results reported in 1945."

Even in manufacturing, where labor-management disputes were in progress in this period, the results were surprisingly good. "Almost half the manufacturing companies included in the tabulation showed higher first-quarter profits after taxes than a year ago, and more than a fourth of those with increases had gains exceeding 100 per cent," Poor's reported.

"Despite pessimism in certain Wall Street circles we find the leading financial services viewing the future quite hopefully," LRA said. Standard & Poor's Outlook July 15th predicted both 'high corporate profits and more liberal dividend payments while in an earlier issue the same investment weekly declared: 'Profits in prospect for industrial corporations generally over the next few years are likely to make 1929 and 1937 look small by comparison'."

"The more realistic opinion in the financial community," LRA said, "is that profits of large corporations will exceed any previous level and be higher even than the swollen net profits of wartime. Rising prices will increase profit margins."

Although stock prices are expected to join the upward trend, fear of new wage demands and buyers' strikes are credited by LRA with keeping the stock market within bounds. Tipoff on big business fear of consumer wrath and its tacit approval of the new OPA bill came in an editorial in Moody's Stock Survey July 8th, which said:

"We believe that some price control, particularly with respect to the basic necessities of life, would have its benefits. The existence of 'official' prices on food, rent, fuel, etc., would go a long way toward curbing social unrest. . . . Some semblance of control over manufactured goods rather than no control would also have its beneficial aspects, in that should prices increase under a controlled economy, the responsibility for the higher cost of living would not be placed chiefly on the manufacturer."

In other words, LRA said, "under these circumstances the government agency—OPA or the decontrol board—could be blamed and the congressmen who lined up with the manufacturers against price control would not be so openly exposed as enemies of the people in the November elections."

East Bay Unions Invited To Parade On Labor Day In San Francisco

Thomas A. Rotell, chairman of the San Francisco Joint Labor Day Committee has extended an invitation to all A. F. of L. Unions in Alameda county to take part in the Labor Day parade which will be held in San Francisco this year on Monday, September 2nd.

Through communications to both Central Labor Council and the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County, the joint Labor Day Committee asks that any Union or Council interested in participating in this celebration may send delegates to the meetings of the Labor Day Committee, which meets at the Labor Temple, 2940, 16th street, San Francisco, every Thursday evening at 8 p. m.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OFFICERS



Albert "Al" Brown, left, business representative of the Milk Wagon Drivers, Local 302, is the newly elected president of the Central Labor Council, and Robert S. "Bob" Ash, right, will again serve as secretary-business representative. Ash was re-elected for his third straight term by unanimous action of the Council delegates, while Brown defeated Charles Clark, the incumbent president.

Al Brown, Bob Ash, William Fee, H. J. Badger Elected To Lead Central Labor Council

Albert "Al" Brown, business representative of the Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Local 302 is the new president of the Central Labor Council. Brown defeated incumbent Charlie Clark for the presidency at the Councils annual election held last Monday night. Elected with Brown by unanimous action of the delegates were Robert S. "Bob" Ash, recording and coresponding secretary and William P. "Bill" Fee, assistant recording and corresponding secretary. This election marks the fifth straight year that Bob Ash has been re-elected without opposition while Wm. Fee has been returned to office without a contest for the past 10 years.

All incumbent officers of the council were returned to office for the two vice-presidencies, treasurer, seargent at arms, trustees, law and legislative comittee and fraternal delegate to the Building Trades Council.

A. J. Alameida was re-elected first vice president; Edna Lallement, second vice president; H. J. "Hub" Badger, treasurer; Ed Maney, sergeant at arms; W. Douglas Geldert, Francis Roberts and Harris Wilkin, trustees.

T. J. "Tommy" Roberts was re-elected fraternal delegate to the Building Trades Council while Bob Ash, Charles Omstead, John P. Peregoy, Wm. Spooner and Don M. Witt were all reelected by acclamation to the law and legislative commitee. The investigating committee had only two incumbents seeking re-election; Ed Clancy and Sam McHugh who were returned to office. Harry Lear, Otto Muschner and Harold Lonnberg are the new members of the committee elected to fill the places of Muriel Kerchen, Jack McSherry and Irene Keremitis who declined nominations to run again.

In the election for the Executive and Arbitration Committee where eighteen candidates contested for the 15 places on the board, A. G. Alameida of the Cleaners and Dyers was top man in the balloting followed by Joe W. Chaudet of the Typographical Union, Charles Omstead, Food Clerks; Paul Fuhrer, Bakery Wagon Drivers; John Quinn of the Bartenders; Ernie Vernon of the Auto Mechanics; Jack Kopke, Paint Makers; A. E. Brown of the Carmens Union; Fred V. Irvin, Retail Delivery Drivers; Joseph Aronson, Building Service Employes; Edgar S. Hurley, Electricians; Don M. Witt, Glass Bottle Blowers; Ed Clancy, Periodical Drivers; John Peregoy, Laborers and Ro. L. Pelochino of the Garage Employes.

One hundred and twenty-eight ballots were cast by the delegates and the efficient election board comprised of Pat Sander as chairman, Laura Fontenella, R. H. "Dick" Harris, M. A. "Hildy" Hilderbrant and Joe Spunn did an excellent job in computing the tally by 10:30 p. m.

TO PRESIDE



Pictured above is Mrs. F. M. Chilson, International President of the Womans Auxiliary to the International Typographical Union who leaves tomorrow night for Miami, Florida where she will preside at 40th annual Convention of the WIA.

Mrs. Chilson, ITU Auxiliary Head, Leaves For Miami

Mrs. F. M. Chilson International President of the Womans International Auxiliary to the International Typographical Union entrains tomorrow night for Miami, Florida where the 40th annual convention of the WIA will go into sessions on August 17, 1946. The Womans International Auxiliary Convention will be held simultaneously with the Printers annual convention that opens the same day. All sessions of the convention will be held in the auditorium on the Miami municipal pier at Miami Beach and the Womans Convention is expected to conclude its business in one week.

Nearly a hundred delegates from Printers Auxilaries throughout the United States and Canada will be present when the gavel is dropped at the opening session by President Chilson.

This is Mrs. Chilsons first convention since she took office as International President last September. She was elected by the membership in an International referendum held in June of 1945. Long an ardent worker in the Auxiliary movement of the East bay and the Printers International Auxiliary, Mrs. Chilson has served the Labor Temple Auxiliary of Oakland as president and is a charter member of that body.

Elected 4 times to the office of president of the local printers Auxiliary, Mrs. Chilson has been a booster for label goods and served for many years as the chairman of the label committee in the local auxiliary that has done so much to make the wives of printers label conscious.

The International President has one more year to serve in her current term and the Miami convention will mark a milestone in her activities in the Auxiliary movement.

Mrs. Chilson plans to stop over in Denver on her way home and visit the Union Printers Home at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Attention! Notice For Refrigeration Men of Local 342

Refrigeration members of Local Union No. 342 will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, **August 13, 1946, at the Labor Temple, 2111 Webster street, Oakland. All members are urged to attend.**

This meeting is a special one as the question of wage rates will be presented.

FRANK J. RIZZO,
Business Representative.

Cemetery Employes To Picket Sunset View Cemetery

Eugene Guiney, business representative of the Mausoleum Columbarium and Cemetery Employe's Union, Local No. 20372 of Oakland, reports that the union will meet this week to lay final plans to carry on the organizing drive at the Sunset View Cemetery in El Cerrito, Contra Costa County.

Eugene Guiney stated: That it was regrettable that an employe such as Mr. Baxter of Sunset View Cemetery who enjoys the most, if not all, of his patronage from union people should make a statement to the press that he will do nothing that will help unionize his cemetery and admits that he has Anti-Union people in his employment. We can not think of any reason why Sunset View Cemetery and Mausoleum should not agree to unionize their places, the same as all other like businesses in the Bay Area, particularly when they enjoy a much larger percentage of union business than any other of its kind.

That is the reason it becomes necessary to place a picket line in front of the Sunset View Cemetery and Mausoleum commencing Monday morning August 12th. Guiney stated further that he has received assurances of support from many local unions in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and also from San Francisco. And this help and assistance is greatly appreciated by the members of the Cemetery Workers Union.

COOKS UNION TO TAKE ACTION ON TWO MATTERS

Pursuant to the action taken at the regular meeting held August 6th, the subject matter of the vacation dispute and proposal by the Duchess Sandwich Company will be discussed and final action taken.

All members working at the Duchess Sandwich Company are hereby notified to be present at the regular meeting to be held August 15th, at 8:30 p. m.

Further, the subject matter of financing for the renovation of the building will be discussed and action taken.

CANNERY ELECTION TO BE UNFAIR, ALL AGREE

SAN FRANCISCO.—Now it is unanimous. The NLRB, the Teamsters, the Cannery Workers, and now the CIO agree that it is impossible to hold a fair or conclusive election in the canneries of Northern California at this time.

In its petition to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, attacking the Teamsters-Cannery Workers, AFL, agreement, the NLRB stated that it could not possibly hold a fair election in the plants unless the court decided the Teamsters contract to be illegal. This the court refused to do, and dismissed the petitions. Now the court has also dismissed the petition of the NLRB for "clarification" of its order of dismissal.

So, the NLRB stands committed to the statement that it cannot hold a fair election in the plants. With this, the Teamsters agree heartily.

This week the CIO joined the procession. In a protest to the NLRB in Washington, D. C., the CIO said it would be unfair to hold an election unless the AFL Cannery Workers were kicked off the ballot. The CIO idea of a fair election is to have only one candidate—the CIO candidate—on the ballot. So, the CIO thinks an election would be unfair—which makes it unanimous.

Meanwhile, the AFL has demanded an oral hearing in Washington on the CIO protest.

AFL union officers who are cooperating with the AFL Cannery Workers Unions in their fight to smash the CIO raid in Northern California declare that the CIO move, and its protest to Washington, means that an AFL victory appears certain. The CIO is merely building up a propaganda record to carry on the raid after it loses the election.

Postman's Boy Drowns In Tragic Accident

Phillip E. McKenty, nine-year-old son of Hugh McKenty, Oakland mail carrier, was accidently drowned in the swimming pool at Crow Canyon picnic grounds, Sunday, August 4th. His body was discovered by Dennis McGoff, one of the members of Branch 76, N.A.L.C., who was swimming in the pool along with many others.

Artificial respiration was applied by members of the clerks and carriers until the San Lorenzo fire department arrived with a pulmotor, but to no avail. The boy was pronounced dead by Dr. C. V. Abbott of Castro Valley.

Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery, after services at the Elmhurst Baptist Church, of which the lad was a member.

LABOR'S NEWS IN BRIEF

ELIZABETH, N. J.—A mass demonstration of 5,000 unionists before the gates of the struck Phelps Dodge Co. plant here and the simultaneous sympathy stoppage by 20,000 United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers members in northern New Jersey marked labor's indignant reply to the corporation's use of goons in a vain effort to break the 7-month strike. A strike leader, Bert Eckstein, was shot by company goons.

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NEW YORK.—While OPA's first comeback action was to grant "price relief" to thousands of manufacturers, profits for the first quarter of 1946 reached new heights and are expected to continue their dizzy climp upward.

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WASHINGTON.—A call for a Senate investigation of the wartime profits of American railroads was coupled with a vigorous defense of President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) in a speech before the House by Representative Frank Hook (D, Mich.).

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WASHINGTON.—An OPA decontrol board consisting entirely of men with a Big Business viewpoint was named by President Harry S. Truman to act as a sort of supreme court for the crippled price and rent control law.

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WASHINGTON.—The annual battle to repeal the polltax law of seven southern states was lost when the Senate by a vote of 39 to 33 failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority needed to invoke cloture and shut off a filibuster.

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NEW YORK.—The Ku Klux Klan was outlawed in New York state in a court order announced by State Attorney General N. L. Goldstein, who also turned over a list of the secret outfit's 1,000 officers and members here to the FBI for action.

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CHICAGO.—President Richard F. Walsh and his entire slate were returned to office by delegates to the 38th convention of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes (AFL).

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WASHINGTON.—Hope for enactment of the Senate-passed Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill died when the House Banking Committee ended hearings without taking a vote to send it to the floor before Congress adjourned.

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HOLLYWOOD.—Walt Disney, Hollywood's major cartoon producer, was given a choice of reinstating 459 workers fired in a mass layoff or facing a complete shutdown of his studio by the Screen Cartoonists' Guild (AFL).

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PORTLAND, Me.—Between 4,000 and 6,000 AFL unionists struck here in support of a 17-day strike by 200 Public Works Department employes whose demands for a 15c hourly wage increase have been rejected by the city management.

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INDIANAPOLIS—The International Typographical Union (AFL) engaged in 27 strikes during the two year period just ended, President Woodruff Randolph announced.

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WASHINGTON.—A spirited campaign for the richest prize in all Dixie will be climaxed at Oak Ridge, Tenn. August 20-22 when the NLRB holds a secret ballot election to determine whether the AFL, CIO or neither shall represent the workers making America's potent atomic bomb.

REDWOOD STRIKE CONTINUES IN FULL FORCE

SAN FRANCISCO—In spite of every effort on the part of the operators to run the mills in the redwood lumber industry, the strike continues in full force, and the operators have been unable, to date, to recruit strikebreakers.

In their efforts to ship out scab lumber, the operators are advising lumber dealers and trucking firms that the strike no longer exists and that they can get lumber without passing through picket lines.

Word has been sent to all State Federations of Labor requesting them to advise their unions not to handle any lumber unless it is cleared with the Redwood Lumber and Sawmill Company, Eureka, California.

The strike of the redwood lumber workers, who are affiliated with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, has the unqualified endorsement of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, the California State Federation of Labor, Humboldt County Central Labor Council, Humboldt County Building Trades Council, and all Carpenters organizations throughout California. The boycott on this unfair redwood is nationwide, and the lumber will be "hot" wherever it goes. Unionists are expected to notify lumber dealers and contractors that redwood is "hot", and that union carpenters and other building trades mechanics will not handle, transport or work it.

The nine companies trying to break this strike are the Pacific Lumber Company of Samoa and Eureka; the Dolbeer-Carson Company of Eureka; the Holmes-Eureka Lumber Company of Eureka; the Arcata Redwood Lumber Company of Arcata; the Union Lumber Company at Fort Bragg; the Caspar Lumber Company of Caspar, California; the Rockport Lumber Company of Rockport, California; and the Northern Redwood Lumber Company of Korbel.

As of August 5th, the Hammond Lumber Company has been able to recruit one scab to take the place of 600 strikers.

The Dolbeer-Carson Lumber Company has not been able to recruit any scabs to take the place of 374 strikers. They are holding some lumber behind the picket lines with the foreman, who refuses to walk out with the strikers.

The Holmes-Eureka Lumber Company has not been able to recruit any scabs to replace 325 strikers.

The Arcata Redwood Lumber Company has been able to recruit 6 scabs to replace 55 strikers.

The Union Lumber Company of Fort Bragg has been able to recruit 150 scabs, including foreman and office men, to take the place of 340 strikers.

The Pacific Lumber Company at Scotia has been able to recruit 3 farmers, women and kids to replace 900 strikers.

Caspar Lumber Company has 18 scabs, including foremen and supervisors, to replace 210 strikers.

The Rockport Lumber Company has been able to recruit 29 men, including 11 foremen and watchmen, to replace 158 strikers.

The Northern Redwood Company of Korbel, has been able to recruit only 14 scabs, 6 of whom are bosses, to replace 275 strikers.

WAKE ISLAND PAY BILL PASSED BY CONGRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The bill which provides retroactive pay for all Wake Island, Guam and other construction workers to the date of their capture and detention by the Japanese, has passed both houses and is expected to be signed by the President any day. This measure, which was prepared by the Federation and introduced by Senator Downey on November 6, 1945, amends Public Law 784, making January1, 1942 the retroactive date.

The Federation has been extremely busy in support of this measure and its efforts have thus been finally crowned by success in Washington.

On December 23, 1943, an earlier amendment to Public Law 784 was adopted placing the construction workers on a parity with the civilian employes of the government who were captured by the enemy. This bill provided full pay for the employes of private contractors, if this would not exceed the rate to civilian employes of the government in the same or similar occupations. Of the money due these workers, 70 per cent was paid to the dependnts and the remainder was placed to their credit payable on their return.

The one serious drawback to this amendment, however, was that its effective date was January 4, 1944. This has now been corrected, granting retroactive pay to January 1, 1942, to the Wake Island employes and to those on other islands who were captured by Japan in later stages of the war.

A flow of telegrams and messages of appreciation for the work the of the Wake Island employes has been received by the Federation office. It is gratifying, indeed, to know that, after all this time, these workers wil receive the consideration they so amply merit.

Atomic Workers To Vote August 20-22

WASHINGTON.—A spirited campaign for the richest prize in all Dixie will be climaxed at Oak Ridge, Tenn. August 20-22 when the NLRB holds a secret ballot election to determine whether the AFL, CIO or neither labor organization shall represent the men and women making America's potent atomic bomb.

Announcement of the election date was made by the NLRB here, marking the second step toward democracy in the 6 by 17 mile area that is tightly guarded by U. S. Army security regulations.

The first toddling step of the area's residents toward normal expression of American democracy came August 1st when they were permitted to engage in Tennessee's primary election balloting—a privilege that had hitherto been denied them.

Both the AFL and CIO have had a host of organizers at Oak Ridge for several months, seeking to enlist workers in the three huge plants that produce the nation's top secret weapon.

Under the regulations announced by the NLRB and approved by the army's G-2 (intelligence) and security sections, balloting will be on an industrial union basis in each of the three plants. Ballots of each plant will be counted separately at the Carbide & Chemicals Corporation, Tennessee Eastman Corporation and the Monsanto Chemical Co.

The rival union chiefs on the spot in the guarded community near Knoxville are AFL Southern Publicity Director James Barrett and Southern Director Cole W. Dannenburg of the Gas Coke & Chemical Workers (CIO).

Barretts' forces go into the election as the AFL Atomic Trades & Labor Council, while Danenburg's local organization is on the ballot as the CIO Atomic Workers Organizing Committee.

Each of the production and maintenance workers in the three plants will choose between the two rival labor groups or mark his ballot for neither.

The election circumvents a number of standard NLRB practices. It is a consent election, but instead of the NLRB regional director (Paul Styles of Atlanta) conducting it as provided under the rules, a special NLRB representative, Charles M. Brooks will be in charge.

All but two or three of the ballot boxes will be on company property, inside the reservation. Because of this, union watchers will all be security-cleared employes of the three concerns. None will be full time union employes.

By agreement with the unions and the companies, the army and NLRB permitted the election without a hearing, with no inquiry into the question of interstate commerce.

Petitions for the election were filed with the number of employes marked "unknown," and the type of product similarly unidentified although it is now common knowledge that the bomb is made at Oak Ridge.

While at one time the A-Bomb plants there had some 40,000 workers, the joint payroll now runs to only 20,000 and possibly less than 15,000 will be certified as eligible voters.

All professional, scientific, technical, supervisory, office and clerical workers will be barred from participating in the election. This group includes a good many who normally would be included, but rather than face an army veto, they were omitted by consent of all parties.

The lists of names of eligible workers will be prepared by the companies and NLRB Agent Brooks and will be given the union representatives about a week prior to the election. All such lists must be returned prior to the election.

Should any protest arise during the election because of either challenges of voters or of objections to the conduct of management, the NLRB would have to ask the military authorities whether or not it could hold a hearing. The army holds a veto power.

A. F. of L. Movement of Bay Area Acts To Reduce The High Cost of Living

The American Federation of Labor Central Labor Councils and Building Trades Councils of Alameda and Contra Costa counties together with the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council announce the formation of a permanent Anti-inflation Steering Committee. This committee will endeavor to enlist the participation of all other central bodies of the A. F. of L. and the International Association of Machinists, not already committed to the program, for the purpose of utilizing the tremendous purchasing power of the members affiliated in such a way as to force prices downward to a reasonable level commensurate with the hourly wage now being earned.

The impact of price rises since June 30, 1946 has reduced the value of the dollar in excess of twenty-five per cent. Or translated into realistic terms the American workman has thus far taken a pay cut of more than one quarter of his earnings. This condition will become increasingly worse as prices continue their upward spiral unless immediate action is taken through concerted action of our Union membership.

Announcement of this program was made by Boyd McDonald, Chairman of a Public Anti-Inflation meeting held in the Oakland Auditorium Theatre last Wednesday night. McDonald acknowledged with thanks the donations of goods and services of public spirited individuals and organizations who made the meeting posible without expending a single dollar. On the list for special commendation are the following: H. E. Albers, editor of the East Bay Labor Journal and Joe W. Chaudet of the Journal Press; Swanson Sound Service; L. G. Renshaw of Pathfinder Flying Service, Oakland Airport; Industrial Equipment Co.; Stover Studios; Ladies Auxiliary No. 97, International Association of Machinists; Mr. Harold L. Smith and Mr. Frank McDonald, president, California State Building Trades Council, A. F. of L.; Mr. Matt Tobriner, Council of Teamsters Attorney; Robert Ash and William Fee of the Alameda County Central Labor Council and Al Brown of the Milk Wagon Drivers, Local No. 878 Sign Painters Union, A. F. of L.; Local 1546 Auto Mechanics, I. A. of M.; Anderson Garage; Local 169, Motion Picture Operators Union, Musicians Union, Local No. 6, A. F. of L.; City of Oakland and many others.

Dan Flanagan, Western Representative of the American Federation of Labor has indicated that the A. F. of L. Steering Committee may effectively supplement the policy of the A. F. of L. to continue production as rapidly as posible while at the same time taking action to arrest inflation. Through this treatment of the problem a balance of the national economy may be more rapidly acheived.

All members of the American Federation of Labor are urged to do their share to protect their own pocketbook by giving every aid and assistance to the work of the A. F. of L. Anti-inflation Steering Committee. Watch for further anouncements!

COOKS' UNION 228 TO VOTE ON BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Secretary Badger reports that four resolutions pertaining to the amendment of the present by-laws were read at the meeting of July 18th, as first reading. They have been posted on the bulletin board as per the By-Laws and will be voted upon at the meeting to be held on August 15th, at 8:00 p. m. All of the membership are urged to be present at this meeting so that a larger expression may be had.

(1) Pertaining to increased death benefit which will provide up to $1,000.

(2) Change of meeting dated for the Regular Meetings.

(3) Change of Executive Board meeting dates.

(4) Change of allowance granted to delegates elected to conventions.

Again urging the presense of the membership at this meeting.

Huge Anti-CIO Meeting Held in Wilmington Bowl

SAN FRANCISCO—The kick-off of the campaign by the AFL against the CIOs raiding tactics in California occurred Wednesday afternoon at a stop-work meeting of all AFL workers in the Long Beach-Wilmington area, which was addressed by C. J. Haggerty, Secretary of the Federation, Harry Lundeberg, Sailors Union of the Pacific, Daniel Flanagan, AFL West Coast representative, and other prominent speakers.

Subsequent meetings are scheduled in the future in other parts of the state.

Truman Vetoes Tideland Bill

WASHINGTON — President Harry S. Truman Aug. 1st vetoed the bill surrendering all federal rights to oil-rich tidelands off the U. S. coasts to the various states. The President said that Congress was not the proper forum to determine the issue.

LABOR LOSING ITS GAINS

HARRISBURGH, PA. — Recent gains won by labor have been wiped out by increased prices following collapse of OPA, the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor advised its members in its regular monthly bulletin. It further warned that labor unrest will mount steadily if prices continue to climb.

576,721 NEW HOMES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Wilson W. Wyatt, Housing Expediter and Administrator of the National Housing Agency, has announced that a total of 576,721 houses and apartments were authorized for construction with priorities asistance under the Veterans Emergency Housing Program from January 15th through June 28th.

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LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

How the Women Are Helping Through Their Organizations

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Well, the big event of the week was of course the Carpenter's picnic at Linda Vista Park last Saturday, and the huge crowd must have enjoyed every moment of the day. In the first place it was ideal picnic weather for swimming, dancing and the varied games, races, and pie eating contests. I hear the Bartalini family all brought home the bacon. Flo won the women's race, and would still be sprinting if someone hadn't grabbed her.

I am sorry I got there too late to see the wonderful entertainment put on by the Scotty Weston Review, but all accounts say it was very, very good.

The first prize, a Cold Spot refrigerator, went to Mrs. Nettie Rayford of 5601 Market Street. Second prize, a $100 radio, went to G. C. Clark of 561 Livermore. Forty-four $5.00 merchandise orders were given to that many lucky winners. Free ice cream and candy were distributed to all the children —and coffee to the grown ups.

The first aid committee from members of 160 were on the spot with Band-aids and liniment for sore muscles, doing a bang-up job. All in all, the Carpenters can be proud of the first grand picnic in several years, and we hope for more of them.

The Installation dinner went off on schedule, and was enjoyed by all present. Diane told me—I was prevented from attending being all in a dither getting ready for our son's marriage on Sunday, August 4th. Kay and Ernie were married at St. Johns Presbyterian Church 2460 College Avenue, Reverend Strang officiating. The young couple are spending a week at Yosemite.

May Bristow is enjoying a two-week vacation. She spent a week at Santa Cruz and is now spending a week in Calistoga together with her sister-in-law. Helene Lindahl and Charlotte Olen are vacationing at the Russian River, the lucky gals.

Betty Shumake, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee gave a bingo party, celebrating the anniversary of one years residence in her lovely new home on 1560 Belvedere, Berkeley. Betty donated all prizes, and 10 pounds of sugar, which was raffled off—Jean Kenny was the lucky winner of the scarce item.

I am sorry to report that Tessie O'Leary has been in the Stanford Lane Hospital for the last two weeks.

The first meeting of the new officers will be held at Flo Bartalini, 2049 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda. Give Flo a ring if you plan to be there.

Social night will be Friday August 16th. Business meeting on August 24th. A belated Birthday greeting to Mary Noll from Auxilliary No. 160.

That's all for now—see you next week!

THERESIA MICHELSEN,
Press Correspondent.

MACHINISTS' AUXILIARY No. 97

A group of sisters met at the home of Sister Evelyn Gerholdt Monday evening and finished making the parachutes for Machinist's Lodge No. 284; Sister Evelyn served gingerbread, whipped cream and coffee.

Just a few reminders: Sisters Anna Hoover is having a benefit whist at her home August 24th and do try girls to bring your husbands and friends and make this a date. You know nylons are scarse and a pair will be awarded to someone.

There will be a meeting of the officers of No. 97 at the home of Sister Mildred Stephenson September 6th.

During the month of September I will have the Ways & Means Committee meet at my home to make plans for our fall turkey whist as well as discuss our annual Christmas party for the children.

Sister Marie Dixon and son Joseph motored to Tuttletown, near Sonora, to visit relatives.

Sister Clara Jenks is still quite ill and do send her a card to while away the long hours in a hospital.

It is with sadness that I write of the passing of our beloved sister Fanny Driscoll; Sister Fanny has been a member of No. 97 for 28 years and all who knew her will miss her cheery smile and sense of humor; our deepest sympathy is extended to her sons and daughters; she was a wonderful mother, faithful member and a true friend.

Our next Past Presidents meeting will be at the home of Sister Evelyn Gerholdt August 16th.

LOIS R. GIRARD,
Press Correspondent.

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

With many members now back from vacations, I hope you will get in touch with me and give me a little news of your various activities Items have been pretty meagre, to date.

We are glad to hear that Olive Haniff is so much better. We will be seeing you again at meetings, Olive. Clara Jenks is still in the hospital, and we hope she will recover very soon. Tessie O'Leary is very ill, and is at Stanford Lane Hospital in San Francisco. Sisters, drop these girls a greeting and cheer them up. It is nice to know that somebody cares and is thinking of you when you are down sick. Our sympathy and condolence is extended to Laura Summerville, who lost her mother. She was a resident of San Jose.

Our Past Presidents have a Whist planned for the near future, and we are all looking forward to it. Let's turn out and give them our best support.

HAZEL RASMUSSEN,
Recording Secretary.

Dressing Room CHATTER

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 14, 1946 in Room 308, 339-15th Street, Oakland.

President Max Schuster recently announced the appointment of Brothers Trellis McKnight and Manuel Mederios to the executive board for the balance of the unexpired term.

Brother McKnight is doorman at the State Theatre in Richmond, and although a comparatively new member of the organization appears to be a wise selection for the board.

Brother Medeiros, doorman at the Fruitvale Theatre is a comparative-old-timer and President Schuster in making the appointment pointed out that he has a record of attending union meetings almost equal to the regular officers.

Congratulations to these brothers on their appointment and to President Max Schuster for his selection.

Up and down the aisle . . . . . Eddie Chew sends in the following items: 1. Bill Card and Norma Miller, Dot Hensley, Ted and Rosalie Chivers, Sumner Paxon, and Ginger Fox were among the many friends wishing the best to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halter (Doris Jeep) at the reception following their recent wedding. Photographers Chew, Bill Gault and Stan Bruns, all former theatre employes, make it the most photographic wedding of 1946. The bride and groom are bound for an Oregon honeymoon. 2. Bon voyage and smooth sailing to Hubert Webb and Dick Duley bound for the Hawaiian Islands this week for a month's vacation. 3. President Schuster is on his way to St. Louis for his vacation . . . 4. The Vogue in Alameda is getting a new marquee paint job, which brings to mind the face lifting the Fox-Oakland recently received, another fine improvement . . . . . Before closing Eddy reminds us that his air show "Hi-Life" moves to KROW at 10:45 a. m. on Friday and Saturdays.

Thanks a lot, Eddie . . . . . Mike Obradovich former Orpheum doorman in town to look up his old friends. Mike is on his way to become a top flight commercial artist, but the Navy still has strings on him in the aviation field. He is on leave from New York.

7 AFL UNIONS TO FORM MARITIME COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Leaders of seven international unions, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have accepted invitations to attend a meeting in Chicago to set up a Maritime Council within the AFL.

The meeting will be held while the AFL executive council, which authorized such a maritime department at its last meeting, is in session in Chicago. The executive group will open its session August 12th.

The organizations which have accepted bids to the conference are the Seafarers, Longshoremen, Masters, Mates and Pilots, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Union of Operating Engineers, Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers and the Commercial Telegraphers Union of North America.

New Labor Monthly To Combat Reactionary Press

DETROIT.—A new monthly, Labor Review, dedicated to fighting reaction and the anti-labor poison appearing in the daily press, will make its bow in September.

Published by Ben Yomen, labor artist and creator of Congressman Dripp for Federated Press, the magazine will record developments in the labor movement from AFL, CIO, independent and foreign labor publications. Subscription is $3 a year.

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Plumbers and Gas Fitters' Notes

By S. J. DONOHUE

In the July's report to the Governor's Council issued by the Department of Industrial Relations is a very interesting article by Archie J. Mooney, Chief of Division of Apprenticeship Standards, covering a report of a trip through the New England States, New York and Washington, D. C., where meetings were held with two hundred and sixty-five persons comprising a representatation of labor, management, state and federal apprenticeship agencies and other interested groups and agencies, who were present from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Conneticut, Rhode Island, New York and Washington, D. C. The meeting was held in Chanticleer Inn on Lake Winnipesaukee, a few miles out of Laconia, New Hampshire, and started on Friday, June 21st., and while the report is too lengthy to give in detail, it is of encouragement to the men in the industry because of the thorough training the apprentices will be assured of and when we have well-trained apprentices, we have first class Journeymen. The Apprentices of today enjoy advantages that the apprentices of former years were deprived of. The report goes on to state that there are between 1500 and 1600 such Committees with a possibility of 5,000 in the coming years. Of course, these Committees are not all confined to any one trade, but covering all the training problems in the building trades.

In our own trade, the apprentice period covers five years and from the time the apprentice is indentured until the time he graduates from his apprenticeship, this full period is devoted to working at the trade. No longer is he allowed to be employed as a laborer, digging ditches, or driving an automobile, with a wage the employer feels the apprentice is entitled to, and then occasionally discharged him when he wanted more than $1.50 per day.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF LOCAL 1622

By JOHN M. HANSEN
Reporter

Brothers and Friends:

Our Joint Picnic, like our Grand Opening, was another success.

Our hall offices are all rented and our trustees are back on the job.

Brother Eric Ahlbum has just returned from his annual trip to Minnesota with his family.. You should see the fish our Brothers catch. Bring me one next time. How about our own Tall Story Club? Pat Moers could lead when we use that kind of a line.

I don't think we should make any appointments until our Brother and Business Agent returns from his vacation of two weeks

Mrs. A. Roe can vouch for the ones Charles missed. Best of luck and a swell time to you both.

Brother Vice President J. J. Casey and family are spending two weeks at Laguna Beach.

Brother "Jock" MacIntyre and family are at Santa Cruz.

Brother Manuel Garcia has a bad cut on the back of his hand.

Your commentator also had an injury. Sawed off half of my left hand thumb nail, but saved finger.

When we have a steward on the job, give him every respect and cooperation.

Brother Wm. Brown is doing a good job at the Oakland Stadium.

Brother Manuel Silva is building a new home in Niles.

See you at the meeting.

TRUMAN NAMES BOARD TO HALT PULLMAN STRIKE

WASHINGTON. — A threatened strike involving 2700 members of the Order of Railway Conductors (unaffiliated) and all but one of the nation's railroads was postponed 60 days July 27th when President Truman named an emergency board under the Railway Labor act.

The strike had been set for August 7th in the union's dispute over failure of the carriers to apply a recent wage increase without chiseling on working hours.

Under the terms of the act, the board will investigate and report to Truman within 30 days. Another 30 days must lapse after that before the strike can be made effective.

ON DECONTROL BOARD



Daniel Bell, banker and former undersecretary of the treasury, is one of three businessmen named to the decontrol board which will have the power to decide what items remain subject to price control. Other members are Roy L. Thompson and George H. Mead. — Federated Pictures.

OPA Decontrol Board Picked By Truman

WASHINGTON—An OPA decontrol board consisting entirely of men with a Big Business viewpoint was named July 27th. by President Harry S. Truman to act as a sort of supreme court for the crippled price and rent control law.

Heading the board is President Roy L. Thompson of the Federal Land Bank of Louisiana. He once headed the economics department at Louisiana State University.

Chairman George H. Mead of the Mead Corporation, a pulp and paper concern, and former industry member of the National War Labor Board and Daniel W. Bell, a former Treasury Department career man now with a Washington banking house, are the other members.

Independent of the executive branch of the government, the decontrol board's members will have life and death powers over prices. They can overrule both OPA Administrator Paul Porter and Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson.

There was some speculation in Washington that Truman might pick Frances Perkins, former secretary of labor, for one of the jobs, but this hope of consumers was blasted with the announcement from the White House.

HANDBOOK ON COMPENSATION LAWS OUT

WASHINGTON.—A revised edition of the U. S. Department of Labor handbook "Principal Features of Workmens Compensation Laws" has just been released here.

Copies may be obtained by writing Director V. A. Zimmer of the division of labor standards, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C.

The enactment of a number of liberalizing amendments to state laws in the past few years made the revision, up to June 1, 1946, necessary, but the bureau explained that despite them, two features remain outstanding: 1- The wide variation among states as to benefits and 2- The obvious inadequacies in protection still existing.

ROSENBERG, MUSICIANS LEADER, DIES

NEW YORK.—Jacob Rosenberg, president of Local 802 of American Federation of Musicians (AFL), died here July 31st at the age of 51.

Rosenberg, who helped build the local into the largest in the AFM, was its president since the local first received local autonomy 12 years ago. He was a candidate for Congress in 1938 and for city council in 1941, both times on the American Labor party ticket.

Musicians from all the large symphonies, as well as many smaller bands, volunteered to form a special orchestra to play during the funeral services.

Before becoming active in the union, Rosenberg was for many years a member of the Philharmonic symphony orchestra and the NBC symphony. He leaves a wife and two children.

CASES SETTLED

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Conciliation Service settled 1408 labor-management disputes in June. Of these, 1095 were ironed out before they reached the strike stage.

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HOUSING BILL BELIEVED DEAD

WASHINGTON—Hope for enactment of the Senate-passed Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill faded July 29th when the House Banking committee ended hearings without taking a vote to send it to the floor.

Chairman Brent Spence (D., Ky.) of the banking committee said 'I think you can say we have given up hope if Congress goes through with its plan to adjourn Friday. I think it plans to adjourn then."

Spence said he thought the legislation (S.1592), carrying the veterans emergency housing program, would be re-introduced next January when the 80th Congress convenes.

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General Omar T. Bradley.

Strike Totals At Post-War Low

WASHINGTON, — Strikes throughout the nation touched a postwar low in June, the Bureau of Labor Statistics found July 28th.

There were 350 new stoppages in June covering about 150,000 workers. With an estimated 350 in progress from earlier months, there were 700 in effect sometime during June. They involved around 410,000 workers. This compares with 715 strikes in May with 1,165,000 workers involved.

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AFL Supports Portland Workers' Demands For Hourly Wage Increase

PORTLAND, ME. — Between 4,000 and 6,000 AFL unionists struck here July 31st in support of a 17-day strike by 200 Public Works Department employes whose demands for a 15c hourly wage increase have been rejected by the city management.

The tieup halted bus service, trucking and building construction as President Horace Howe of the Central Labor Union charged that the city government is controlled by special anti-labor interests.

The city employes are represented by the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employes.

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NLRB LAYS OFF 130 EMPLOYES

WASHINGTON—Union members who are irked at the delays of the NLRB can thank a penny-pinching, anti-labor bloc in Congress for the situation.

The NLRB has been forced to cut off 130 of its 1,000 employes because of budget cuts at a time when its case load is mounting to a point almost 80 per cent above normal. Most of the laid off workers are temporary field examiners and clerical workers.

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President Truman, smiling broadly, signs the OPA revival bill as Paul Porter, price administrator, looks on. Labor and consumer groups are determined to continue their fight to keep costs down since the new law is riddled with limitations.—Federated Pictures.

GREEN DISCLOSES AFL WILL INTENSIFY POLITICAL DRIVE N NEXT CAMPAIGN

CLEVELAND, O.—After delivering a blistering indictment against the record of the 79th Congress, AFL President William Green warned that the American Federation of Labor will intensify its political efforts this Fall to defeat labor's enemies in Congress and elect its friends.

In an address before the Ohio State Federation of Labor Convention here, Mr. Green called upon local and State branches to cooperate in the campaign by "getting voters to register and go to the polls."

"One thing is certain," he said. "The AFL wil not depart from its non-partisan political policy. The record made by Congress demonstrates the wisdom of this course, for we found friends in both the Democratic and Republican camps and enemies in both, as well. We cannot judge candidates by their political labels. It is how they voted when the major tests came that must be our standard for endorsement or rejection.

"The ultimate responsibility for the kind of Congress which passes the laws for our country does not rest upon the members of Congress themselves but with the people of this country who elect them. It is, therefore, up to us to make democracy work by electing honest and liberal representatives.

"For our own welfare and the welfare of the nation, the American Federation of Labor calls upon every one of its seven million members and their families and friends to go to the polls on Election Day and vote for candidates with good records so that the 80th Congress will be a big improvement over the 79th."

In his attack on the outgoing Congress, Mr. Green said:

"I charge here—and I will prove it by the record—that the present Congress has failed to respond to the needs of the American people.

"I charge that reactionary forces in Congress have deliberately defied the will of the American people and ignored their welfare.

"I charge that members of Congress have succumbed to high-pressure lobbies and surendered to special interests.

"I charge that Congress has flatly failed to make democracy work!"

Citing the "shameful record," to support his charges, Mr. Green first took up OPA legislation. He said:

"On this issue of price control, which is vital to every American family, Congress disgraced itself. Log-rolling went on in the Senate openly and shamefully. That means, one Senator from a cattle-raising State would go to a Senator from an oil-producing State and say: "I'll vote to end price controls on gasoline, if you will vote to end controls on meat." That sort of trading at the expense of the American people is a nefarious practice. It is not in the American tradition. Its purpose is to victimize the great majority of the American people for the enrichment of a few.

"The record of Congress on other important legislation which received less public attention than OPA, is even worse.

"When the war ended, the President called for legislation to supplement inadequate unemployment insurance benefits provided for by the several States. This has not been enacted. The President asked amendments to the Social Security Act to broaden the coverage and increase the benefits. This was not done. The President called for the retention of the U. S. Employment Service in the federal government, at least, during the transition. This was refused. The President urged the adoption of a comprehensive health and medical care program. Congress failed to enact such a program. The President requested amendments for the Fair Labor Standards Act to increase substantially the level of minimum wages. This proposal has been laid aside. The President urged the adoption of a permanent long-range housing program to bring decent housing within the reach of families of all incomes. At the eleventh hour before the recess of the House of Representatives has not yet voted on this vital legislation. The President requested the establishment of a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission. That request went unheeded. The President recommended the enactment of an effective Full Employment bill. Instead, Congress approved a bill which falls dismally short of its purpose.

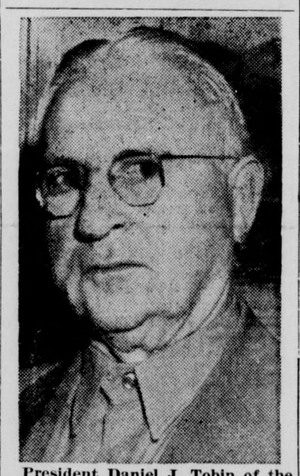
"This is only part of the objectionable record. Besides its many errors or omissions, Congress has committed serious errors of commission.

"During this session, both Houses of Congress approved the Case Bill which can only be described as the worst piece of anti-labor legislation ever adopted by Congress. Fortunately, the President vetoed it and the workers of America were spared from its disastrous effects. But two other anti-labor bills became law, one aimed directly at the Musicians Union and the other at the Teamsters Union.

"The members of Congress will be required to go before the people of the United States this November if they seek re-election. Through the democratic process of the free ballot, the electorate will decide what they think of the record of their representatives in Congress. The election involves every member of the House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate.

"Here is the opportunity of the American people to assert themselves. If they want to be well represented, it is their duty to examine the voting records of the candidates and to exercise good judgement."

ATTACKS BILBO



President Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, lashed out against the nomination of Senator Theodore Bilbo (D. Miss.). Said Tobin: "Mississippi can send Bilbo back to the Senate but the Senate doesn't need to accept him. It should ship him back, preferably in a cattle car."—Federated Pictures.

CHICAGO—The 23rd convention of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers International Union (AFL) will open here at the Congress Hotel Sept. 16th.

McClintock's Mutterings

By A. B. McCLINTOCK

That was certainly a sorry turnout for the mass meeting held at the auditorium recently for devising some plan to help hold down the rapidly rising increase in the cost of living. Apparently the rank and file members of the American Federation of Labor don't give a hoot what goes. Apparently they are all obsessed with the idea of letting "George Do It,' meaning their business agents, or secretaries. As long as all, or mostly all, have that idea, just so long will we Federationists have to sit back and let the CIO steal all the publicity in regard to labor news.

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The committee in charge of the meeting worked very hard in lining up an interesting program. The event was advertised very extensively in labor circles, there was a big display advertisement on the first page of the Labor Journal, which reaches the entire Alameda County membership of the A. F. of L. Speeches were made at various union meetings, including the Central Labor Council, at which representatives of practically all East Bay unions are supposed to be present. Yet, if my counting of heads was as accurate as I think it was, there were approximately 134 persons present at the rally. It must have been very discouraging, not to say sickening, to those in charge, who were only trying to do something to help your pocket-book.

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The Letter Carriers and the Clerks of the Oakland Post Office had a picnic Sunday. It was a nice, warm, sunshiny day, ideal for fun. There was the usual ball game between the clerks and carriers, which was won by the carriers with the same ease that the Townies, (Seals) kick our Oaks around. There was watermelon eating contests, races, games, and music by the famed Letter Carriers Band. There were no speeches for the nonce, all the politicians apparently just relaxing and enjoying themselves. Everybody happy and carefree. When suddenly fate stepped in in the form of sudden, stark tragedy. ★ ★ ★

Word went around that one of our carriers boys was missing! A distraught mother, Mrs. Hugh McKenty, went from table to table, from the ball diamond to the bandstand, and at last, to the swimming pool, where so many were enjoying themselves. There was a comic bathing beauty contest on, with carriers dressed up as bathing beauties. The contest ended with the participants diving criss cross from one end of the pool to the other. At last the still form of the lad was found, wedged down in the deepest corner of the pool.

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Frantically he was brought up and given aid by a willing crew. Artificial respiration was given. Tirelessly, ceaselessly, hopefully, at first, the men worked, under the direction of Mrs. Eddie March, a trained nurse, who never stopped trying. The Castro Valley Fire Department arrived with a pulmotor. Everything humanly possible was done, but at long last, sickenly long, it seemed, the doctor wearily, sadly, shook his head. Little Phillip was in the hands and arms of the Master. To his grief-stricken parents, to his hundreds of little friends, little Phillip McKentys memory will live on forever, but to all us there, it seems so harsh that one so young, so innocent of wrong-doing, should be taken from us. "The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on."

Butte County Building Trades Council Installed

August 2, 1946 will always be in the history of organized labor remembered as an important date in Butte County. On that date, State President Frank C. MacDonald officially presented the Butte County Building and Construction Trades Council with a charter issued by the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor.

That charter rests in the Butte County Building and Construction Trades Council authority to exercise just and legal rights, privileges and autonomy in its territorial jurisdiction over the building and construction industry in the erection, maintenance and demolition of buildings and structures, and the manufacture, assembling and fabrication of building and construction materials.

President MacDonald formally obligated and installed the duly elected officers of the Council.

Upon assuming the duties of his ofice, President W. E. Smith made an excellent presentation of the program and policy of fair dealing and of procedure in conformity with the laws of the building and Construction Trades Department and its affiliated Internationals that would be followed by the Council.

Secretary and Business Representative G. E. Miller submitted an excellent report and showed that the employers generally in the county were cooperating with the representatives of the various unions in the program to stabilize the building industry in the Butte teritory.

Delegates from each of the affiliated unions made reports which showed there was plenty of work, with good conditions maintaining, all of which demonstrates that the Butte County Building and Construction Trades Council has made a splendid start.

The guaranteed support of the Building and Construction Trades Department and of its affiliates insures the success of the Butte Council which will grow to be a powerful factor in protecting and advancing the welfare of building and construction trades workmen in the Butte area.

ITU Conducted 27 Strikes in 2 Years

INDIANAPOLIS.—The International Typographical Union (AFL) engaged in 27 strikes during the 2-year period just concluded, President Woodruff Randolph has announced.

The biggest current strike, Randolph said, is a lockout by the 5-paper Southam newspaper chain in Canada. The men have been out seven months.

Cartoonists Plan Strike Vote Against Disney Firings

HOLLYWOOD. — Walt Disney, Hollywoods major cartoon producer, had a choice July 31st of reinstating 459 workers fired two days earlier in a mass layoff or of facing a complete shutdown of his studio by the Screen Cartoonists' Guild (AFL).

The union gave Disney until 2:00 p. m. July 31st to cancel the firings. If the "everybody or nobody" proposal is rejected, a strike vote was to be taken that evening with ratification by the general SCG membership slated for the following night.

Disney, who has one of the worst anti-labor records in the movie colony, announced the dismissal of 40 per cent of his entire staff, approximately half of them cartoonists, after he started negotiations with the union on a new contract. The old one expired June 1st.

Following the recent settlement of the Conference of Studio Unions (AFL) strike, Disney, like all the major producers, agreed to a 25 per cent raise for all crafts affected, these being in a minority at his studio, but balked at giving the increase to the cartoonists, who are the majority. The guild asked that the increase be retroactive to January 1st.

The union ultimatum asked that Disney rehire all the workers, if necessary on a 6-hour day, at the new wage scale pending outcome of other points under negotiation. These include working conditions, vacations and termination pay.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Labor Backed, Sparkman Wins In Alabama

BIRMINGHAM.—An administration liberal, backed by both the AFL and the CIO Political Action Committee, Representative John Sparkman (D, Ala.) had a clear majority in the Alabama Democratic primary July 31st to win the nomination for the Senate seat of the late John H. Bankhed.

Sparkman, who had been the Democratic whip in the House, had a lead of 303 votes over his four opponents. His state total with only a few boxes missing, was 81,842. His closest rival was State Senator James Simpson of Birmingham with 45,211.

A native of the textile community of Huntsville, Sparkman was born December 20, 1899, and is a graduate of the University of Alabama. **He is completing his fifth term in the House, having been first elected in 1936.**

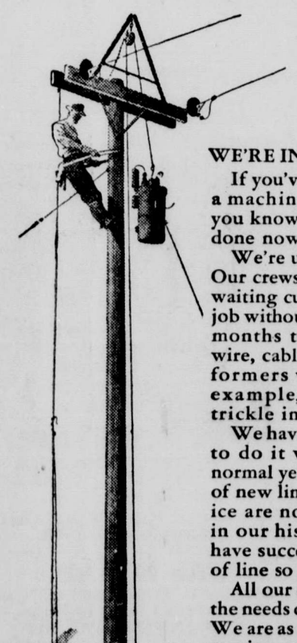
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(6) Q. Can I receive benefits if I have worked in several states, but did not earn enough wages in any one state to qualify?

A. Yes, if a worker has had sufficient earnings in either California and or more other states, or earnings in two or more other states which, when combined, would ammount to $300 in the current California base period. Not all states are a party to this combined wage plan.

(7) Q. Must I serve a waiting period?

A. Yes, every worker must serve a one-week waiting period before he is eligible to collect unemployment insurance.

(8) Q. After I have filed a claim, and served the waiting period, can I draw benefits anytime I am unemployed during the benefit year?

A. Yes. At any time during the benefit year benefits may be collected for consecutive weeks of unemployment, or for weeks of unemployment scattered throughout the benefit year, until the amount of the award is used up.

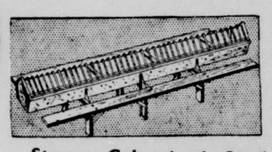


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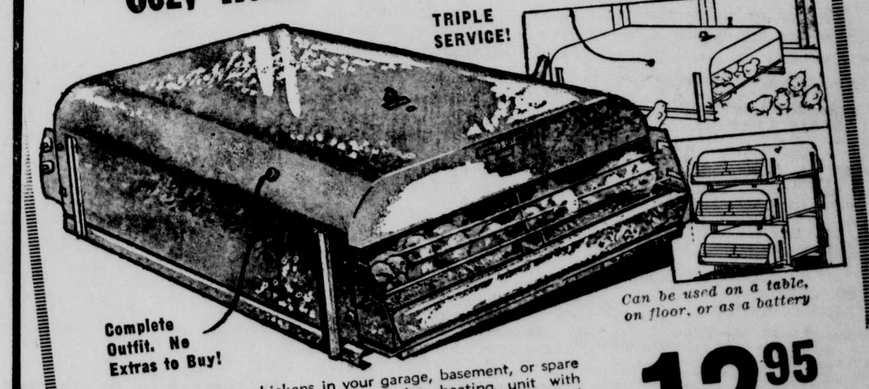
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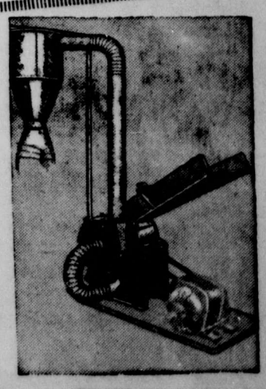
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AFL Wins Over One Billion Dollars In Wage Gains Without Strike

Since V-J Day, the American Federation of Labor has made an outstanding record in sound industrial relations. We have won gains in yearly income for American workers totalling well over $1,000,000,000 and these gains have been won entirely without strike. (Note: This is only part of our total gain.) Moreover, the thousands of collective bargaining negotiations which won these gains have built up a better relation between our members and their employers. This achievement is important at a time when Communists have just published their new "line" dictated from Moscow committing American CP followers to "mobilizing the people for struggle." The Federation has always insisted on the workers fundamental right to strike and fought to preserve it, but we condemn its misuse as a political weapon. The strike is to be used as a last resort when genuine collective bargaining breaks down.

Today all Americans are being penalized because a small portion of American workers used the strike for political purposes last winter. At that time AFL unions were negotiating substantial wage increases without strike and without breaking price ceilings, winning lasting gains for workers. But unaffiliated unions used the strike to force the government dictated wage-price formula of February 14 which broke price ceilings. From then to June 30, OPA granted 504 industry-wide price increases, and individual increases to some 11,500 companies. Wholesale prices rose 4 per cent from February through June. These price increases of course forced retail prices upward at a slightly later date, so that cost of living had already risen 3 per cent when OPA expired on June 30th, and the rise was gaining speed. During July living costs rose another 2½ or 3 per cent we estimate, due chiefly to the end of subsidies and the rise of food prices. Wholesale prices rose faster in July, but many exorbitant prices have already been forced down by normal reactions of the free market. This wholesale price index, with farm prices excluded, shows a trend which will in part be carried into the retail prices workers pay. In the whole period from August 1945 through July 1946 cost of living has risen 6 per cent we estimate, and this wholesale price index 16.7 per cent. Since January 1941, living cost has risen 37.4 per cent (through June 1946, adjusted for hidden cost by Mitchell Committee figure). The figures are based on U. S. Labor Department data.

Practically the entire living cost rise has occurred since the steel workers forced the price ceiling break in February, and as a direct result of that break. As we pointed out then, the February 14 order brought a flood of demands for price increases. The resulting pressure on Congress has all but ended effective price control. The steel workers were offered a 15c wage increase without strike and without breaking the price ceiling; their insistence on striking and bringing the government into collective bargaining won them only 3½c more; they have already lost 6c from living cost resulting from their action and stand to lose a great deal more as prices rise further. Since their government formula forced OPA to grant these rises, OPA cannot stop them. Had they been willing to stick to genuine bargaining under price ceilings, they would have had their 15c today, and all other Americans would have been spared immense losses through the rapid living cost rise. Intelligent American workers will remember these facts when Communists try to mislead them into political strikes.

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RENT INCREASES, EVICTIONS UNDER CONTROL OF OPA

Frank C. MacDonald, general president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, states that rent increases and evictions **are now subject to OPA regulations. In confirmation of this statement he calls attention to the following** letter of Fred B. Wood, legislative counsel of California:

Office of Legislative Counsel,
Sacramento 2, California,
July 24, 1946.

Honorable Gardiner Johnson,
Member of the Assembly,
State Capitol,
Sacramento, California.

Necessity for State Legislation if Federal Rent Control Law is Enacted, No. 7776.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Supplementing our letter of July 24, 1946, Section 18 of the proposed act reads in part:

"(2) All regulations, orders, price schedules, and requirements under the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, as amended, and the Stabilization Act of 1942, as amended, which were in effect on June 30, 1946, shall be in effect in the same manner and to the same extent as if this act had been enacted on June 30, 1946.'

Consequently, the regulation of the OPA requiring that a certificate be obtained by the landlord before beginning an eviction proceeding, except in the cases specified in the regulations in effect at that time, will be again effective. Even though such regulations might not be legally retroactive, they will again become operative upon the adoption of the act.

Sections 789 and 790 of the Civil Code provide for a 30 day notice and Section 790 reads:

"After such notice has been served, and the period specified by such notice has expired, but not before, the landlord may reenter, or proceed according to law to recover possession.'

Consequently, even if the regulations should be held not to be retroactive, they will not permit the bringing of the action after adoption of the Federal act without the required certificate, and as no action which was based upon a 30 day notice could have been begun prior to that date, all actions for eviction would again become subject to the control of the administrator.

Very truly yours,
FRED B. WOOD,
Legislative Counsel.
By JOSEPH L. KNOWLES,
Deputy.

STORES ON FIVE DAYS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Several stores in this city and in Baltimore have been observing a five-day, 40-hour week for some time. Recently certain department stores in Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, Columbus and six other large cities instituted a year-round five-day, 40-hour week for employes. In none of these stores were weekly salaries reduced on account of the shorter working schedules. New York City department stores adopted this policy as early as 1941.

California's Disability Unemployment Compensation Program To Start This Year

SAN FRANCISCO — California's disability unemployment compensation program will become available to nearly 3 million persons not later than December 1, 1946, as a result of Congressional action last week which permits the return to the state of 104 million dollars contributed by California workers during 1944 and 1945.

Two bills, N. R. 6576 and H. R. 6577, originally introduced in the House by Mr. Voorhis of California, amended provisions of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act and the Social Security Act so as to authorize any state to use amounts of its unemployment fund to pay cash benefits to individuals who are unemployed as a result of illness or non-industrial accidents. Senator Knowland of California was successful in putting these provisions through as amendments to the omnibus Social Security Bill, which has now become the law.

Approximately 90 days must pass after the bill is signed by President Truman before the funds will be available for requisitioning by Californias Employment Stabilization Commission.

This successful Congressional action, which permits the return of 104 million dollars, will allow California to launch its program by December 1st rather than May 21, 1947, which was the date provided in the original measure passed at this year's special session of the legislature.

Immediately after the state legislature adopted the measure, the Federation went to work to obtain federal legislation that would permit the application of its provisions in as short a time as possible. This was indicated in the resolution dealing with the two measures introduced by Mr. Voorhis, which was submitted by the Executive Council of the Federation to the 44th Annual Convention.

Disability insurance will be paid through 15 offices to be located in stragetic cities throughout the state, according to James C. Bryant, chairman of the California Employment Stabilization Commision. These offices are being established in Bakersfield, Chico, Eureka, Fresno, Los Angeles, Oakland, Redding, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Rosa, and Stockton.

Unlike the Rhode Island plan, the California disability program includes a provision for voluntary disability insurance plans. A plan carried either by an employer or through an insurance company, which meets certain minimum requirements established by the Commission, may be submitted for state coverage. Employes under such plans are exempted from paying contributions to the state. Bryant pointed out, however, that, under the law, voluntary plans must provide greater benefits for workers than would be obtainable under the state plan. He stated that if private business can do a better job than the state in such a field as this, the competition of the voluntary plans will be welcomed.

The unions are requested to submit to the California State Federation of Labor any proposed voluntary plan in which they may be interested. Because of the great number of technicalities involved, and in order to protect the best interests of the union and its membership, it is important that the Federation analyze the plan.

The 1 per cent employe contribution under the Act, which heretofore has been deposited in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, now constitutes income for the Disability fund, which is in the custody of the State Treasurer.

The Federation is meeting with the California Employment Stabilization Commission to study all the details of the new plan, and a letter of explanation will be sent to all the unions upon the completion of those meetings and when all the information and data will have been properly assembled.

HALF AMERICA'S FAMILIES RECEIVE LESS THAN $2,000

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Nearly half of America's families have incomes below $2,000 a year, and two out of three of them receive less than $3,000, it was revealed in a joint survey of the Federal Reserve Board and the Bureau of Agriculture Economics.

The figures represent the combined income of all members of each family are based on 1945 income before taxes. As 1945 was a record year for individual income, the current average is believed to be less than shown in the survey. About one in 10 families had pooled incomes of $4,000 to $7,500, and only one in each 33 or 34 had joint income totaling more than $7,500.

These findings supplemented earlier announced results showing the mass of American families had no substantial amount of quickly cashable assets and two out of every five average less than $40 each in saving bonds, other securities and bank deposits.

The new report showed the financial condition of the families which constituted the Median, or middle-group, in each income bracket as:

Under $1,000—Median income, $600; Median assets in savings bonds, other securities and bank deposits, $20.

$1,000-$1,999—Median income, $1,500; median assets, $230. $2,000-$2,999—Median income, $2,400; median assets, $470. $3,000-$3,999—Median income, $3,300; median assets, $900. $4,000-$4,999—Median income, $4,300; median assets, $1,450. $5,000-$7,499—Median income, $5,500; median assets, $2,700.

$7,500 and up—Median income $10,000 $7,270, median assets.

HOOK ASKS SENATE PROBE OF RAILROAD PROFITS

WASHINGTON. — A call for a Senate investigation of the wartime profits of American railroads was coupled with a vigorous defense of President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) in a speech before the House July 29th by Representative Frank Hook (D, Mich.).

Hook charged the railroads "are owned by a handful of anti-labor and greedy banks' and that during the war, despite capacity loads they failed to lower rates.

"The Mead (war contracts investigating) committee should make public the amount of business the railroads did with the government and the net profit on this business.

The Michigan Democrat charged that in 1944 the carriers realized a net profit, after taxes and fixed charges, of almost $700 million and that in 1945 the figure was $450 million.

"Despite all this, the railroads are still crying the blues. The railroads now have the gall to ask for a flat 25 per cent increase in their rates, a request pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission."

As to the railroad strike last May, Hook said it was caused by the "stubborn and selfish position" of the railroads and that their propagandists directed the attack on Whitney. He insisted that President Truman's own blast against the union came because "the issue was misrepresented to him."

Tenth Regional Stabilization Board Processing Cases

Following out instructions of the National Wage Stabilization Board in Washington, D. C., the Tenth Regional Wage Stabilization Board in San Francisco anounced today that it is resuming processing of all violation cases which arose in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii before expiration of the Stabilization Act on June 30th.

Richard A. Perkins, regional attorney, said this group includes 356 cases involving payment of unauthorized wage rates in the building and construction industry, and nearly 100 other cases involving either illegal wage decreases made without Board approval or institution of new job rates without Board approval.

The National Board's instructions to its regional boards are based on a federal law * which stipulates that the expiration of a temporary statute shall not have the effect of wiping out any penalty, forfeiture or liability incurred under the statute.

While the Stabilization Act contains provision for criminal penalties, the Board's customary policy has been to disallow use of unauthorized wage payments in computing business expenses for income tax purposes.

(* U. S. Code, Title 1, Sec. 29)

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BREAK NEGOTIATIONS

NEW YORK—The Seafarers International Union (AFL) and the Atlantic & Gulf Ship Operators Association broke off negotiations here July 31st as the union proceeded to tally a strike vote taken during the past month.

Union Secretary-Treasurer John Hawk said negotiations failed when the operators refused to accept a union proposal that all questions, including working conditions, be settled before an agreement was signed.

BUILDING TRADE RATES CUTBACK TO JUNE 30TH

WASHINGTON—The Wage Adjustment Board, in its first official order upon the restoration of the OPA law, directed the building construction industry must cutback wage rates to levels in effect on June 30, 1946.

Chairman Arthur D. Hill added that there would be no proceedings instituted as a result of violation of the June 30th. levels in the period from July 25th. to Aug. 10th. where application for approval of higher wage rates had been filed with the board.

The order governs both increases and decreases in wages that were in effect June 30th.

Applications for increases may be filed with the board and if requested, it will "grant retroactively to July 25th. approval of any adjustment found to be approvable under the applicable rules and regulations of the board."

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